

and to the country he loved. He moved back to Brady, Texas and became its mayor. He was elected Land Commissioner of Texas, a position he used to clean up abuses in veterans' land programs.

When he became the President of Texas A&M University, his beloved alma mater, Earl Rudder told his close classmate of '32 and my mentor, Congressman Olin E. Teague, that he had to make a decision that in some ways brought more heat on him than German guns at Pointe du Hoc. He decided to allow women into A&M and to make the Corps of Cadets voluntary for A&M students.

Some Aggies didn't talk to President Rudder ever again. But, just as he did on D-Day, Earl Rudder showed the courage of his conviction. Just as D-Day literally helped save the world as we know it, President Rudder's decision in the 1960s saved the future of Texas A&M. It was, perhaps, the most important decision ever made by any President of Texas A&M, and I am not sure if any other person but Earl Rudder could have made it. In 1967, President Lyndon Johnson presented Earl Rudder with the Distinguished Service Medal, our Nation's highest civilian award.

Love of faith, family and country; courage under fire; integrity; and lifelong service to others—these were the values of Earl Rudder. They are the quintessential American values that have made ours the greatest nation in the world.

My hope is that the story and values of Earl Rudder will inspire the lives of everyone who walks through these doors for generations to come. If so, then ours will be a better community and a better country, and we will have truly honored the service of this American hero.

May God bless James Earl Rudder High School and all who will serve there.

BUD DOGGETT

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I rise in memory of my good friend, and a pillar of our Washington community, L.B. "Bud" Doggett, Jr. Bud died last month, while Congress was out of session, but I want to take this moment to note how dearly he will be missed, and how many will miss him.

Bud was one of Washington's most successful businessmen, who turned a small parking company founded by his parents into a local business powerhouse. But he was far from content to simply enjoy his success; instead, he made himself into a vital civic leader, contributing immeasurably to Washington's development into a world-class city. Bud was born here in the District, and he always said he never crossed "the Potomac Ocean" unless absolutely necessary. Everyone who lives here is a beneficiary of his dedication to his hometown.

But to Bud, leadership meant service as much as it meant power. He learned the spirit of service in the European Theater of World War II, and he put it to work back home. Perhaps his most lasting accomplishment was the foundation of Heroes Inc., a charity that for the last 45 years has provided for the families of

police officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. As his wife, Cherrie Wanner Doggett, said at his funeral: "What he most loved was watching his friends and the people he loved being happy. His pleasure in life was doing for others—especially when he knew he was helping someone who could never give him anything in return."

Our community was blessed to have a servant-leader like Bud Doggett, for so long. He will be dearly missed.

EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES  
OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ON THE DEATH OF THE  
HONORABLE STEPHANIE TUBBS  
JONES, A REPRESENTATIVE OF  
THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 8, 2008

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, mentor, and a true pioneer. Congresswoman STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES was taken from us at far too young an age when she passed away on August 20th. On August 30th, during a memorial ceremony held at the Cleveland Public Hall, I addressed the hundreds of friends and family in attendance to pay tribute to STEPHANIE and I would like to share those remarks here as well:

There was a famous song a few years back called, "I Hope You Dance." And it's a song that passes along some advice to all of us, and the refrain of the song says, "If you have the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance." And we all know that STEPHANIE didn't sit it out; she danced. She danced through this life with a style all her own, and she now gets to dance once again with her favorite partner, Mervin. Whether literally dancing on the dance floor or dancing through life, she possessed the key quality of any great dancer—she was fearless. She wasn't real concerned with criticism because she got her instructions from the inside. And as Connie Shultz pointed out last week in her wonderful column, "When the rough and tumble side of Cleveland politics reared its head and threatened STEPHANIE, she simply said, 'I don't have time for fear.'"

Gandhi said, "My life is my message." And so it is with STEPHANIE. Her life instructs us that if we live a life without fear, we allow God's light to pour through us, like His light poured through STEPHANIE. We saw this light in her bright smile and her catchy laugh; her high-fives she always liked to give when she made a witty comment; and the nicknames she gave us, as Congressman MEEK said, I was the "white son." We felt this light in her passion for justice and her warmth for humanity. Her life teaches us that if we live with courage and allow God's light to shine, we can travel farther and higher than we ever dreamed; that we can achieve the seemingly unachievable; and that we can break glass ceilings and overcome barriers with grace and joy. Whether it's Mervin, or Barbara, or her staff, or Members of Congress, or Senators, or presidential candidates, STEPHANIE's death gives us what she gave us so many times in life—our marching orders: To live a fearless life. To let our light shine. To bring joy and

hope. To lift people. To dance. The daughter of Cleveland's life mission. And the credo she asks us to live by is reflected in the short poem called, "I Am One."

I am only one,  
But I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But I can do something.  
And that which I can do,  
I ought to do.  
And that which I ought to do,  
By the grace of God, I shall do.

We love you, STEPHANIE.

INTRODUCTION OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF GEORGIA ENHANCED TRADE  
ASSISTANCE, ECONOMIC RECOVERY,  
AND RECONSTRUCTION ACT  
OF 2008

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, today I rise to introduce the Republic of Georgia Enhanced Trade Assistance, Economic Recovery, and Reconstruction Act of 2008. This bill will provide urgently needed economic and reconstruction assistance to the people of Georgia following Russia's invasion of that sovereign and independent country last month.

Madam Speaker, the war between Russia and Georgia resulted in the displacement of tens of thousands of men, women, and children from the conflict zone in South Ossetia and elsewhere in Georgia. There is credible evidence that at least some villages were hit because they were populated by ethnic Georgians. As we know, people can't work when they have nowhere to live and their basic needs are not being met. Additionally, the Russians clearly targeted critical components of Georgia's economic infrastructure for destruction, resulting in the disruption of domestic and regional commerce.

The dire circumstances in the aftermath of the invasion require timely action by the United States and the international community.

As Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation, the body charged by Congress with monitoring human rights throughout Europe and beyond, I am deeply concerned over developments in and around Georgia, a country I have visited on numerous occasions, most recently in January. It pains me that there is a need for the kind of legislation I am introducing today—an urgent measure to aid one OSCE country—Georgia—which is recovering from devastating damage done to its people, economy, infrastructure, and environment by another OSCE country—Russia.

The Helsinki principles were meant to preclude such armed conflict between participating states. Among them were the commitments to refrain from the threat of or use of force to resolve conflicts; and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of other states. In invading Georgia, Russia has violated these OSCE commitments and I am saddened to be compelled to condemn Russia's conduct.